

I am pleased that you are seeking comments on closed captions. As a hard of hearing person and a member of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), I am happy to say that captions have greatly improved the quality of my life. I use captions for TV programs, movies, and news casts, all of which would be useless without captions. Because of captions, I am a reasonably well-informed citizen and, hopefully, an intelligent voter.

Similarly, I live with a hearing person, who finds captions on TV and movies helpful because of his limited knowledge of English, his second language. We both consider closed captions essential for movies and television.

Therefore, we are very hopeful that you will support government programs that promote and advance closed captions.